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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, VS

SUBJECT: FRANCO-PRG RELATIONS

REF: A. PARIS 12533; B. STATE 103849

1. STEARNS CALLED IN FRENCH COUNSELOR MENGUY MAY 24 TO EXPRESS US CONCERN THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG PERMANENT MISSION IN FRANCE WOULD FACILITATE DRV/PRG EFFORTS TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF PRG IN PURSUIT OF THEIR STRATEGY OF "THREE VIETNAMS". MENGUY SAID FRENCH EMBASSY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INTERPRETATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM QUAI BUT HE COULD ASSURE US THAT ADJUSTMENT IN STATUS OF PRG MISSION DID NOT REPRESENT A STEP TOWARD RECOGNITION. HE NOTED THAT FRANCE RECOGNIZED STATES NOT GOVERNMENTS AND HAD NO INTENTION OF COMPROMISING THIS PRINCIPLE IN VIETNAM.

2. STEARNS SAID THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE HOPED THAT FRANCE WOULD REFUTE TENDENTIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF SIGNI-  
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FICANCE OF FRENCH ACTION BEING ADVANCED BY PRG REPRE-

SENTATIVES AND THEIR FRIENDS. ANYTHING WHICH PROMOTED FICTION OF "THREE VIETNAMS" COULD ONLY COMPLICATE AN ALREADY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. DRV/PRG WERE DETERMINED TO USE EVERY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AS A VEHICLE TO GAIN RECOGNITION OF PRG. MANY COUNTRIES WOULD BE WATCHING FRENCH ACTIONS CLOSELY. STEARNS HOPED THEREFORE THAT

FRENCH WOULD DEMONSTRATE BY ITS VOTES AT THESE CONFERENCES AS WELL AS ITS WORDS THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED PRG PRETENTIONS GROUNDLESS AND DID NOT ENDORSE CONCEPT OF A THIRD VIETNAM.

3. MENGUY SAID HE WOULD REPORT THESE COMMENTS TO PARIS.  
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